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Mr Wm Brewster.

Dear Sir:

Yours received last week. Many thanks for your kindness in answering my question. Keep the skin; I do not now think of anything special I wish. If there is any Eastern bird that is found here rarely or not at all, but still may probably be found here, please send a skin of that & I will keep my eyes open for it. Hoslow's buntings could never have I am sure, for I saw many of them the day I procured the specimen I sent you. I do now intend going to Iowa in the Spring, & should I be fortunate enough to get anything good & rare will willingly give you a choice of them. The slough in which I found

the bunting was less than 2 acres in extent, with a cornfield on one side & a meadow on the other. The birds were all in the grass around the edge, but would frequently fly into the bushes in the middle of the slough where the water was so deep I could not follow them. The grass was from 3 to 6 feet high, the wind blowing a gale at the time. The grass was stiff with frost both mornings. The birds would show themselves singly, climbing up to the top of the grass & weeds, frequently flying a few yards, & if not frightened, perching on the very top of the highest weeds, but in a minute would be down in the grass & no effort could flush them. Every one I got showed himself of his own accord, & as they came up at all distances, it was far from easy to get them all in good shape. I failed to find quite a number I shot. Almost all of them gave one or more faint notes when perched high, but the wind howled so I could not hear distinctly. The country generally there is a rich prairie with a vast number of small wet sloughs scattered everywhere, & filled with birds in the breeding season I was told. Several large colonies of Cal. bicolor summered on the same farm where I found the bunting one colony in the same slough. I have faint hopes of finding the bunting (C. Lecontei) nesting there. I enclose a list of my duplicates. Up to this year I have been teaching & have done little more than secure a few specimens of each bird I could find in the little leisure I had. I hope to be able to collect to some purpose this year.

Most truly yours.

A. W. Newton,

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I have only one Corpus Hawk
a ~~small~~ young male.
other hawks are –
11 B. Calurus – 1 small one.
3 " borealis
2 F. sparverius, both ♀
1 B. Penn. small
1 Cir. cyaneus. young
Of small birds my only duplicates are
6 T. fuscens
2 P. nivalis from Western Iowa.
3 D. Maculosa
2 Hedymeles ludovicianus, one marked oddly
3 S. Ruticilla
2 H. el. peregrina
3 Sei. aurocapillus
1 H. el. alata
2 " ruficapilla
1 D. Blackburnia
2 D. coronalescens
1 D. Pensylvanica.

Adult Bartramian are fresh specimens.